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Helpers Among Us - Emi Kazak is making cookies for charities

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Emi Kazak loves animals and she loves baking. She also loves combining both those loves into a way to help charities.

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Some of the cookies Emi Kazak made for charity. COURTESY PHOTO/EMI KAZAK

In December, she made pies and fancy cookies to sell on Facebook and Instagram to raise money for the Animal Rescue League of Boston and made over $300. Last March, in honor of Women's History Month, she donated the money she made to Rosie's Place, a Boston shelter for homeless women.

She sells her cookies in batches of six for $30 and will also take special orders for a dozen.

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Emi Kazak with her cats Tito and Howie. COURTESY PHOTO/EMI KAZAK

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A Revere resident, Kazak is a familiar face in Winchester. She us
for Fuller Cup before it closed last year, and now you can see her at Maison

Nouvelle, Ciao Bow Wow, and Recess.

The happy owner of several pets, Kazak was sad that one of her cats died in December. But she continues her work with charities and helping animals.

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On a cold and blustery day, two post-graduate Winchester High School students and others stood outside the Stop & Shop inviting folks to buy luminary kits as part of the Unite with Light event planned for Sunday, Dec. 14. The successful program was started by Mairin Norton, a high-schooler who

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Helpers Among Us - Alisa Dong needs your help with Thanksgiving food drive

Standish Lane resident Alisa Dong has only lived in town for about four years, but she's already immersed in helping people. And she wants residents to help her provide Thanksgiving Day meals for local food-insecure residents. A member of the town's Family Action Network (FAN), Dong is its

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Helpers Among Us — Coaches volunteer to bring on the cheer

You probably know that cheerleaders appear at sporting events to cheer on their teams, but you might not know that cheerleading is a sport in its own right. Or that Winchester Cheer coaches volunteer to help girls and boys learn and compete in cheerleading. Middlesex Street resident Erin Black is

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Helpers Among Us - Patti Reilly wants your children's clothes

Although Patti Reilly opened her boutique, Jules, about a year and a half ago, she's already discovered the generosity of Winchester residents. That's why she and her husband, John, decided to offer a 10% discount on one item to anyone who brings in "gently used children's clothing.

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Two candidates for Winchester's School Committee will face voters at a forum as the district navigates a new literacy curriculum, budget pressures and questions about student mental health. Heather von Mering and John Bellaire are competing for an open seat on the School Committee, which oversees a budget von

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'Chicago: Teen Edition' dances onto the Winchester High School stage

By Talia Ho | Correspondent Fame. Fortune. And all that jazz. This spring, Winchester High School presents "Chicago: Teen Edition," a bold musical that explores celebrity culture, media manipulation, and the cost of ambition. This iconic production is set in the 1920s. Performances will take place on March 13 and 14

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Ripley Chapel in Winchester presents 'Syldason: You Are Welcome Here'

The following was submitted by the Ripley Chapel at First Congregational Church: On Friday, March 13, beginning at 7:30 p.m., live in-person and live streamed from the stunning Ripley Chapel at First Congregational Church, Winchester, 21 Church St., join in with Syldason, a duo concert featuring Sylvie Zakarian,

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